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Identical letters dated 29 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw to your attention the following:

A number of Syrian cities, including Dar'a, Hasakah, Ayn al-Arab and other peaceful cities and towns, were recently the targets of terrorist attacks directed at civilian inhabitants and State institutions. Those attacks are a continuation of the terrorist war to which Syria has been subjected for more than four years, a war that has been waged with direct and open support from States that are by now well known to all, including Turkey, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, France and other Western States.

The terrorist attacks against those cities, as well as the acts of terrorism that have taken place recently in Tunisia, Kuwait, Iraq and other countries, and which Syrian strongly condemns, are a natural consequence of the silence of the international community towards the States sponsoring and supporting terrorism in Syria, and its failure to take deterrent measures against those States. Those terrorist crimes confirm yet again what the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has warned of repeatedly: no one is immune from the threat of terrorism, which knows no borders, religion or morals, and which, if not combated and eradicated, will spread to all the States of the region and the world, including the very States that support and nurture it. If the international community fails to marshal its combined forces today against the terrorism represented by Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Nusrah Front and other terrorist organizations, the world will become a place of chaos, murder and bloodshed.

The recent terrorist attacks coincided with the escalation by armed terrorist groups of their crimes in more than one Syrian city, with the direct support of Turkey, Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. We draw attention in this regard to the video that was posted on the website of the Turkish newspaper *Cumhuriyet* showing Turkish terrorists boasting about their attacks on the city of Ayn al-Arab,

which is also known as Kobani. On Thursday, 25 June 2015, that city was attacked by foreign terrorists belonging to ISIL who had infiltrated Syria from Turkey. The attack, which resulted in the deaths of more than 200 Syrian civilians, most of them women and children, and injuries to dozens more, demonstrated yet again the Erdoğan Government's unabashed support for those groups and for ISIL.

The city of Dar'a was also the target of multi-pronged terrorist attack, as terrorist groups unleashed hundreds of missiles on peaceful residential neighbourhoods, resulting in the death and injury of dozens of civilians. On this occasion, the attackers were members of Nusrah Front and Army of Conquest gangs, reinforced by heavy equipment and high-quality Israeli weaponry. They infiltrated Syrian territory from Jordan, which provides them with safe haven, training and arms, with the support of Israel and Saudi Arabia. Many Syrians returning from Jordan, as well as the news agencies, have spoken of training camps for what the terrorism-sponsoring States call "the moderate armed opposition." Those sources have reported that the Jordanian authorities, in coordination with Saudi Arabia, have provided training courses for Syrian terrorists in the Azraq region of Jordan and at the King Abdulaziz Air Base. That is not to mention the direct logistical support that Israel has provided to those armed terrorist groups, which has included transporting approximately 2,000 injured terrorists for treatment in Israeli hospitals and then returning them across the ceasefire line to resume their terrorist activities in Syria, in flagrant violation of the Disengagement of Forces Agreement between the two sides.

What happened in Ayn al-Arab and Dar'a cannot be cannot be considered separately from what is happening now in the city of Hasakah. ISIL, supported by large numbers of foreign terrorists, is systematically carrying out terrorist attacks against that city in plain view of aircraft belonging to the United States-led coalition. Those gangs, reinforced by various equipment and weaponry, are currently committing all kinds of crimes, including bombings, destruction, beheadings and the murder of innocent civilians, producing an ever increasing toll of dead and injured, and causing a fresh wave of forced internal displacement.

Various reports have connected this despicable terrorism with operations rooms, such as the notorious Amman operations room and another one in Turkey, where officers from Jordan, Turkey, France, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Britain, the United States and other countries give orders for attacks on Syria and the slaughter of its citizens. They coordinate attacks and provide the terrorists with instructions and criminal plans for continuing the murder and destruction in Syrian cities and towns. In a recent statement at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, the representative of Saudi Arabia reaffirmed that his country would continue to supply weapons to what he called his "Syrian brethren", while the Jordanian monarch announced his decision to arm what he called "Syrian and Iraqi tribes". Those actions are blatant and unacceptable interference in the internal affairs of those countries.

The criminal terrorist attacks that recently occurred in many parts of the world and left numerous innocent victims in their wake confirm the correctness of the positions and views of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic regarding terrorism. The Government regards terrorism as an absolute evil that has no single point of origin, and it believes that countering terrorism requires a truly joint international effort under the aegis of the United Nations. Instead, certain States, including permanent Security Council members the United States, France and the

United Kingdom, are trying to undermine Security Council resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015).

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic stresses the need for States to fulfil their legal obligations and moral duties, and for the Security Council to take without delay deterrent measures against the terrorism-sponsoring States that are violating Security Council counter-terrorism resolutions, international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and threatening international peace and security. The Syrian Government also calls on the States of Members of the United Nations to cooperate in combating the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; to expose those States that are supporting terrorism, whatever their pretext, and call on them to desist from doing so; and to join hands with the Syrian Government, which has been fighting terrorism for over four years in order to defend the security and safety of its citizens and preserve international peace and security.

The so-called open war on terrorism contrived by certain parties, including certain States that support terrorist groups, has been going on for almost a year, but it has achieved virtually none of its goals. Instead, it has permitted ISIL, the Nusrah Front and the terrorist groups that are affiliated and allied with them to expand, move around and spread with complete freedom not only in Syria and Iraq, but also in Egypt, Libya and Yemen, in certain African States and, most recently, in Kuwait and Tunisia.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 107, and of the Security Council.

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